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EMPLOYMENT TO SOLDIERS HANDICAPPED IN WARS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take steps to provide employment to the soldiers rendered handicapped in wars/war-like situation/conflicts; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): Resettlement of disabled soldiers is an ongoing process and steps are being taken for their rehabilitation. The Government has the following schemes in this regard:-

(i) The war disabled who are fit for jobs under the Central Government, are eligible on priority-I for employment to Groups `C` and `D` posts, where the recruitment is made through the Directorate General of Employment and Training.

(ii) Disabled soldiers are also encouraged to avail the benefit of loan assistance on liberalized terms under self-employment schemes from financial institutions/banks.

(iii) Disabled soldiers getting pension can participate in a self-employment scheme under which the ex-servicemen coal transport company nominated by the Directorate General of Resettlement pays Rs.3000/- per month to the disabled soldier for 5 years and thereafter refunds an amount of Rs.85,000/- deposited by him. Besides, Personnel disabled in war/peace are eligible for allotment of oil product agencies under the defence quota.